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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A NONWOVEN FOR THE FILTER ROD PRODUCTION, the specification of which

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☒ was filed on April 2, 2004, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ [if applicable].

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03 007 675.6	EUROPE	April 3, 2003	<b>X</b>	
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